

ABSTRACT

According to one aspect of the present invention, medical articles are provided which comprise the following: (a) an adhesive region comprising an adhesive, (b) a therapeutic agent and (c) optional microparticles. The therapeutic agent, the optional microparticles, or both the therapeutic agent and the optional microparticles are adhered to the adhesive region. Upon placement of such a medical article at a position on or within a patient, the therapeutic agent is released from the medical article in a controlled manner to the patient. Examples of medical articles include, for instance, implantable or insertable medical devices. Also described are methods of releasing a therapeutic agent to a patient using such medical articles, and methods of making such medical articles.